Affidavit

Today, Friday 28 June 1946, appeared before me: Captain J.G. BENDERS, R.W.I.A., concurrently honorary police officer by appointment of the Minister of Justice, dated 25 June 1946, at The Hague, Plein 1, asperson, who, on enquiry, declared to be:

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Q. 5. Can you give any information concerning acts of violence committed against yourself, or others which you have witnessed?

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A. I was brought to the Kempei-Tai, Buitenzerg (Java), charged with implication in the underground movement under the direction of Mr. Kramer, D.Sc.

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At Buitenzerg I was at once interrogated by sergeant-major Hamada and the Formosan interpreter Tamamine. The ill-treatment I experienced during the interrogations was moderate and consisted of kicking and beating with a stick as thick as a walking-cane; once, in December 1943, I had to suffer the "water-cure". I was then tied backwards to a bench in such a way that I could not move my head, while water was poured into my mouth and nose continuously. That was all.

One of the worst cases concerns Captain Werninck. He has been tortured 47 times. I know this from his subordinates of the "Kramer organization", namely Sonneville who afterwards together with Werninck and 12 others were beheaded at Antjol on 12 December 1944, having been sentenced by Court Martial. Sonneville was one of those who shared my cell. Sonneville knew this because he had shared a cell with Werninck for a long time. Werninck was beaten to unconsciousness fourteen times. I do not knew further details about this.

Sorgeant Habiboo, a Monadonese regular, was also a member of the organization. This sorgeant has been tied to a kind of cross with his arms and logs stretched sideways as far as possible, for one week.

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It should be mentioned that the boards to which arms and legs were tied, were movable. This was in fact applied in order to stretch out arms and logs as far as possible. Habiboo was not given any food at all, only semething to drink during these 7 days. The first four days he was not allowed to sleep, on the contrary, he was continuously beaten, kicked and interrogated. I do not know exactly what he was beaten with. All this I heard from Habiboo himself, who had been confined in the cell next to mine. Sonneville told me the same as an example of what Habiboo had to endure without giving away one word.

Captain - later Major - Kadzumura was responsible for the

maltreatment.

Yet to be mentioned is that "abibec too was beheaded along with the twolve others. In my opinion Kadzumura is to be held responsible for all that took place at the Kempei-Tai, Buitenzorg. I do not believe that Kadzumura acted in certain cases on orders from higher officials who, however, in my opinion were aware of this but left the various Kempoi-Tai commanders free in their activities. I was told by a Japanese guard of the Court Martial at Batavia, whose name I do not recollect, that the Kempei-Tai was in possession of a booklet in which some 50 different ways of terture were described which were applied arbitrarily by the various Kempei-Tai detachments.

Further I can mention about the Kempei-Tai, Buitenzorg, that the Rev. Jens of Sukabumi was ill-treated by the Kempei-Tai in such a manner that he died in his house the day after his maltreatment.

The Ambonese physician Kayadee was also beaten to death here. I think that was in September 1943. I was not yet there. Tamamine told me this adding that this had not been done by a Japanese but by an Indonesian on their orders. He told me this to show that the Japanese - in contrist to the Indonesians - were expert beaters.

I was further charged with being head of a large espionage-conspiracy, directed against Japan. For investigation in this case I was taken to Semarang. This charge was absolute, untrue. Some 5 persons had succumbed through tortures continuing for months which started in October 1943. They were said to have confessed that I was actually head of a conspiracy.

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Those persons were: Nuheim, a Norwegian major in the Salvation Army; Boissevain, mayor of Semarang; Boogaardt, deputy mayor of Batavia; Lead lawiger, member of the Board of the Semarang Municipal Council and Hilverdink, employed by Batavia municipality. These gentlemen have been horribly tertured for months.

Nuhcim died in Tjipinang Prison as a result of the maltreatments suffered at Semarang. In this town he had been admitted twice to the C.P.Z. (tr.nete: Central Civilian Hespital) owing to internal injuries and a liver disease, all caused by ill-treatment. Nuhcim told me this as representing the opinion of the physicians. He had to live on strict diet, was not given the feed that he needed and died from hunger and exhaustion.

They teld me further that they had been suspended by their arms and logs, beaten until they blod, electrified, and "water-cured" at the Kempei-Tai, Semarang. Still food was refused to Beogrardt systematically, while his family was arrested and maltreated to make him confess. Even his 3 years eld adopted daughter was confined in prison. I myself have suffered the water-cure some 20 times in April and May 1944, as a result of which I have contracted of its media of a serious nature and I lost two teeth by being beaten.

Experience has taught me that during the whole of 1944 the Kempei-Tai at Java lived under a sort of sabetage-psychosis and behaved accordingly.

For instance, in Fobruary 1944, rope stored in a shed at the Semarang railway station caught fire. Seven Indonesians spontaneously extinguished the fire, but were arrested as incendiaries and tertured until they became weary of lire. They were persuaded by the Kempei-Tai, Semarang, in the well-known manner to confess that a Dutchman had given them 500 guilders to start the fire. One of them happened to know the name of Bastiaans, an employee with the N.T.S. (Tr.note: Netherlands Indies Railways) at Semarang, who was arrested along with 5 others and all 13 were sentenced and beheaded at Batavia. I know this because Mr. Bastiaans was with me in the same cell at the Court Martial Building at Batavia and from this cell he was taken to the execution grounds, together with Hubrechts and Teouwen (a fermer member of the People's Council) who had been arrested in connection with the same case/and were also beheaded.

Another example. On 20 May 1944 an ampas-shed (Tr.nete: shed used for storage of residue) on the Djenkel Benderedje Estate in Kediri get everheated and caught fire. This was confirmed by the Japanese estate-manager whose name is unknown to me. The Kempei-Tai at Kediri arrested 30 European and Ambonese employees of the estate. Six have been beheaded, among them the manager, Jacquet. Three others survived and the remainder died PURL: http://www.legal-tools.org/doc/bf826d/

in prison from disease and malnutrition. I know this because I have associated with a number of these people during the time spent at the Court Martial before their conviction.

After their conviction I have seen a number of them die in Prisons Tjipinang and Soekamiskin.

Among those convicted in this case, the following died in prison: ten Cate, Versteeg, Feldhor, Hamar de la Bretonnière, Bakhuis.

Further I can report about the Kempei-Tai at Semarang that at the end of June 1944 Chr. van Haeften, an engineer and Director of the Department of Public Works and Communications died there from maltreatment and malnutrition. Sergeant-major Kaneko is to be held responsible for this. He has committed suicide later, after the capitulation, when he heard that we were still alive.

At the Kempei-Tai, Semara we only had each a space of 1.40 meter long and 0.40 meter de. The food was such that in the course of four months my weight went down from 84 to 49 kilogrammes. The sanitary condition was such that after I had asked for this for five weeks I was admitted to the C.B.Z. (Tr.note: Central Civilian Hospital) with scabies all over the body; twelve abscesses, a multiple furuncle, scurvy, night blindness and palpitations of the heart owing to emacietion. All this was partly a result of the bad and insufficient food.

There were no doctors available, neither were medicines or nurses. The number of deaths was comparatively small at Semarang; it was far higher in the prisons at Batavia. In the "Tjipinang" Prison with 4000 inmates, 500 were lying in the so-called "death-ward". The only two to come out allve were a Chinese, Tjoa Peng Kie of Magelang, and myself. In the first half of 10/5 10 percent of the total died month.

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With some pride the Indonesian chief nurse of the hospital told me that this was the best prison in the whole of Java.

He knew this because he had made a tour of other prisons.

According to him 3 prisoners died daily at Serang out of a total of 200. The cause of death was chiefly malnutrition and diarrhoea, for which no medicines were available.

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VERIFICATION BY THE WITNESS

I, the undersigned __Egbert de Vries , mentioned above hereby declare that I was led in and heard on oath by the interrogator, who informed me that the oath taken by me was still binding upon me, and having heard my above sworn statement read to me in my native language and shown to me, I declare that it is a true and accurate statement.

38, June 1946

The witness abovenamed:

/s/ E. de Vries

The above statements have been signed in my presence and this official record has been truly drawn up and subsequently signed by myself, the interrogator.

On 28 June 1946 at The Hague

The abovenamed interrogator:

/s/ J. G. Benders

Certified a true copy

/s/ J. G. Benders

J. G. Benders, Captain

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住所「アストラーントとか」四を香地及同方とは一般の方とは一般なって、大きなな、大きな様人人できたいと、アリート」とうは生人の強力

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とりとはアフバートンドリハロヤワーを見を限へ引致するか、大、工るのはとからし人、指道やと此下運動を

所与し同時二本口上日本人水の運輸的二年から、こか過ぎる。ようから、日時私の頭、動力を下稿」でとう後回一種り一度一九四三年一個部十八年十二月、秋八水事文二年とうをいするをです。 教学校位一大十十十分十十万分の、引力、江ニュリ 取調でした。初日 南一松ら及とりをは、花らから、八月ごから、初日 南一松ら及とりをは、花らか、河田一番で河回一番変及らはは金澤

「後きってよう」」は一次十二名十十二九四年一部祖子九年一十十分。私、ころって、国、後、年下後一年は今後、皇古の後、中下下後一年は今後、皇古の教を上の一次、「八八十八三日大計」同僚人と、彼、四七回探問とう

こうなでとうに苦いないないかいくといいというとうたをあれた 大大ないい、数といれてリングトでは一下一個一個一個一個一個 ていい。いれていいく、十四回とを続きまって送れていったい の其一ないとろり以上はいてなりたったと

メナドノ人(シア) 原書のそで、一個一体一の見かりか、同学者の 十字祭、福十七二成一般一般一的表,展了有一个事何 一種量でる。

張と張い強いたといる校、ありい呼にそうとうなると というべきる。東:神芸原語を指しお来からり着かりに いるこのできる。「いごにはして日本の物を全然出へこれ 年飲物、好いいなアナナトラク。たく一日日で、成に成られた 許かべ、文が一地上、打きるり、戦きるの前間でろうか。 夜中川路一下十十七八十九八年等一十十八年 松、松、水、塩なべいことするべいでの見りでする。 シンチティア、なりかのかないかがいかないかけんかったいけん おうかして一重下了いるうかはないか。 後、かは、トックトかかいろ人はかい一を年十十五年前である。

尚述いなべきろくへいいい」とかけって、や者しない都省と ころろとがとか。なるないかいいかないらいいろしいとしからしかる 年間、花子後、り物、一年一、村上東上月八十月八十八十十一十一 「たい」、「水では食い、上午の一分人とうにいるいかしないのかい

の用とうとくなり事と問した。 は、これをはいるとなるとなるとなるである。 で見かは、よのは然し、特因はいからしていからとれていた。 ではなる。強ないるなないといい、他はないなないかった。ないいいい とう、な、は、いとう、しては、たる、など、これでいる。ないいいい

道(い事がちまし、人をはていりたはなってとととる了事う、官を安はは一体りをははしてはない」をははいいろりをないいろうとがらいろうとがにいくていいい」はのをは、日間とえる下ろうに数的してとる

事ラ示人らろっはころシャし、後、かったとろと、よいり殴いるとう違人でうかし、「というとう人」はつりなくでうなったとう事う所とかてから是がら話らったことがれているまたとのなったことではなったとうなら、ない木を生えをしまるころとのこれに感が吸いこうなららいした里子

九王之八きとは項です長小したススランで食養員ひかした人とうとすなる人と、教世軍力佐りにより人又、よらススランでをおえたいときったとの状とり。ときるとははなるの様に、例を、私が変像官謀を、五一章は、取納、為一本ハススランニを下し、一大軍年は一大謀叛後謀をますし、十二部子員、十十八男

領土、数月二天一旦り戻」といり持向もうとろっている。東京

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年年勤之月十日放入下矣之久。 實民失成二種之之等不則指神作兩一下一丁以下以二位, 治経驗、治一九四四年(昭和十九年)全期同至了十十月次(日本人)会期而至了十十月次(日本人)

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「生」、十天三在処門 智の(重)ランテ行るノデアンの一部、自力ランタル、「とうがとり、及前國民名議院議の見、テースをは、彼、コー監局を同じる件、関係を持(う)同様のりとす、一軍法会議が、同び監局内、居の、テめず年に、からか、デアラをはない、自己なら、なって、はから、け、デア国をうらストンをう動うしの。私、コンラバスケナレス、はから、

衛光、よらナン及らスカミスキン科部門が後等一一般、代人、のり着しに 一緒、居のカラデト、後等、出電 一部、居のカラデト、後等、出電 一部、保管門、前上を養良不良、為不可、以を是りなり、中、、な管理人、アアソナが入り、居の、他、一者、即り放うで、一方で、上が一旦を見は寒を見う速神、る、、名、都有でしょり、その、な、からナーが、日本人出反尾と見望る。ななな、原は、いろいった、一月の、ないの本人出反尾と見望る近、いろいろ、した、四十八十月)か同、気が発え、から一切、一九四四年(昭和十八年)五月二十日、トティリ、所

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てい、デ、ラン・レトニーン。「ベックハイス」、死とが即り、アン・カーア、、プルステーア、、プレステーア、、プレドホア、、ハー本る中で、有軍子自一とりとの、中次、者が刑を所所デ

く降服後、状々が尚木生きをはるり同りを自根です。 かままた、「金子」他長が此、主見任う月八かに、子デアル、彼、後くの、女具在外下在一件一次差尽不良のく死ととりる一部とは言えいる、大日末、交通浴水省是公見、ハリスケヤン、で、かった、アラン、京師の見、後、「ススラン、宮見兵隊」例と、一九四四年一配約十九年一

り中于軍員的後所では上祖二語の、彼(日在了他、以答所解院、「「一下不」了人當該人長、許ら」とえる以左然、全記十

く、下部デアリ、ソンニオシテ付、医療をなる。 しょうるヤー 一日 きるがり死としの 死国(至上を)をを見るとう、成国(至上を)を失るをする、現实就作ったいなし、切りきまる、彼に体だってらいが計

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歌門者、そうかから一部は今年初東ストナルコトラ本三年が , のり、何とうや一文国(Me)とは人はこうかとりい、今から回かる一下 こととりれたは、小同キリノと見べて確さいてしていコトラき明え、

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上述一下記るを名人なんなってていして、アリース、人生を大りからい あるなるとはなるないなりはあるかいとれているが、これの出く、

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